

**CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP  
September 21, 2004  
7:00 p.m.**

**I. SILENT ROLL CALL BY DEPUTY CITY CLERK:**

Mayor Mary Maloof		Present
Commissioner Phil Collins		Present
Commissioner Ed Gayton		Present
Commissioner Richard Kraus	Vice-Mayor	Present
Commissioner Alan Bildz		Present

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Leonard Stone, Executive Director for the Florida Orchestra, was here on behalf of Bill Edwards. The Florida Orchestra, due to the generosity of Mr. Bill Edwards, will be performing a free public concert for the City's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Stone.

Frank McConnell, President of Voters Watch, wanted to let the public know that the Voters Watch invited the two candidates for Clerk of the Circuit Court to their meeting on Wednesday, September 29, at 7:00pm at the Golden Phoenix. The candidates will answer any questions the public has.

Dr. Minning, Chairman of Beach Stewardship Committee, said there was good news. Beach renourishment will start again thanks to Nicole Elko's efforts. Most of the funding for the project will be absorbed by state and federal funding. He also spoke on the sea oats project and was asking for volunteers to help with the planting.

The Mayor said she would thank Nicole next week.

City Manager Ralph Stone said that Commissioner Bildz was instrumental in working with Nicole. He also said that he will meet with Don Hambidge, Public Works Director, and Rick Raus, Assistant Public Works Director, to discuss vegetation, planting and watering, and transporting of sand. He will report back to the Commission.

**III. MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Kraus and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the minutes as written. Upon roll call, the vote to approve was unanimous.

**IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. Resolution Certifying the Millage Rate for FY04-05 (Public Hearing 9/28)**

The City Manager said this item set the amount that appeared on the TRIM notices sent out by Pinellas County in August. The millage approval process continues through September and the final certified millage rate is approved at the September 28<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting.

A resolution will be prepared for Tuesday's meeting.

**2. Ordinance for Budget & Appropriation for FY04-05 (Second Reading & Public Hearing 9/28)**

This item, approving and accepting the City of Treasure Island's FY04-05 budget, will be placed on the agenda final action for Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Carol Coward, resident, said it is her understanding that no funds will be taken out of the beach fund.

**3. Ordinance for Salary and Classification Plan for FY04-05 (Second Reading & Public Hearing 9/28)**

This item will be placed on the agenda for Commission's final approval on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Ordinance for Supplemental Appropriation FY03-04 (Second Reading & Public Hearing 9/28)**

This item will be placed on the agenda for Commission's final approval on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Planning & Zoning Board Recommendation for Reduction in Quorum**

Lynn Rosetti, City Planner, addressed the Commission. She said that at the August 29, 2004, Planning and Zoning Board, sitting as the Local Planning Agency (LPA) the group voted to recommend a reduction in their quorum. Currently, the 15-member board has a quorum requirement of 10 members. Following a discussion, the Board voted to recommend to the Commission that the quorum be reduced which would consist of a minimum majority of the

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seated Board membership. This would mean a quorum of 8 members when the Board is fully appointed. In cases where there were Board vacancies, the actual quorum would be reduced to a simple majority of the total amount of Board members serving.

Staff is recommending the Commission send this item back for formal LPA review, requesting at least 60 days and then return it back to the Commission as an ordinance for approval.

Commissioner Bildz is against quorum reduction. Keep the present requirement of 10 members.

Ms. Rosetti said it is difficulty sometimes to even contact these members due to work or other commitments. She also feels people working with LDR's should be the ones handling cases.

City Manager said the combined function activities as Planning and Zoning implements the Comprehensive Plan. It is very unusual to have a board of this size (15 members). We do not need this size - phase into a size of 9 or 7 is more manageable. Also should go to a consent agenda. There is no sense going through staff presentation for cases where there are no objections to the request. He suggests the Planning and Zoning Board should consider these items to help them in the future.

Paul Schiano - Chair of Planning & Zoning Board - not speaking for the members of the board but as a citizen. There has been a quorum problem at many of the meetings recently. If the Commission has not looked at the attendance of the last LPA meetings, they are not aware of the quorum problem. He is willing to provide an attendance log to the Commission.

Marie Barba, resident, objects to reducing the quorum requirement.

Resolution for Tuesday's meeting will be prepared.

**6. Splitting LPA and Planning & Zoning Board - LPA Recommendation (as per Res. 04-80)**

Lynn Rosetti, City Planner, said the Planning and Zoning Board voted against splitting the Board into two separate Boards. The board is in the process of discussing better ways to operate and feels continuing, as one Board would best serve the community.

Commissioners Gayton, Kraus, Collins and Mayor Maloof would like to retain

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the present Board and see how things will work out.

Commission Bildz would like to see two separate boards.

Paul Schiano, Chair of Planning and Zoning Board, feels that people who attend the meetings want the Boards together. The Board deals with problems in LDR's and Ordinances. Meetings should be set for once a month - it also alleviates stress. Members also need to be available and once a month is easier to get more members present.

Heidi Horak, resident, would like to see the Boards split. She feels they can be more efficient if there were two Boards.

Resolution will be prepared for Tuesday's meeting.

**7. Request for Extension for Condo/Hotel Study & Special Exception Approval Process (Res. 04-47 & 04-57)**

Lynn Rosetti, City Planner, requests the Commission grant the Planning and Zoning Board sitting as the Local Planning Agency (LPA) additional time to study the Condo/Hotel and Special Exception Approval Process.

She said the Planning and Zoning Board needed more time to properly study this issue. She was asking for the Commission to extend the time to at least the end of 2004.

No action was taken.

**8. Sand Sculpture Project**

Olivia Cox and Meredith Corson were present to request the City's support in constructing a semi-permanent sand sculpture and to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Olivia Cox said that the Governor of Florida has designated Treasure Island as the Sand Sculpture Capital of Florida. She feels this is a great way to fulfill this honor and capitalize on the designation. She provided the Commission with correspondence which describes the size, cost and duration related to the sculpture.

The sculpture would be created by Sanding Ovations, a local company operated by Meredith Corson.

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Olivia Cox is also requesting the City to fund the project at a cost of \$3,000 for material and labor. The money would come from the Beautification Fund.

A resolution will be prepared for Tuesday's meeting.

**9. Review and Approve 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Poster**

Ruth Philipon, a local artist, was present at the Workshop. Mayor Maloof is requesting the Commission to consider Ms. Philipon creating an anniversary poster to commemorate the City's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The poster will depict three scenes - two that the artist will create - and one that the Commission will select.

The cost of printing these posters would be about \$3,500. The City would pay for the initial cost of printing and then the posters would be sold to reimburse the City.

The Commission asked Ms. Philipon to show the Commission sketches at the next workshop.

Mayor Maloof asked about copyright and City Attorney Maura Kiefer said she would look into it.

This item will be discussed further at the next workshop.

**10. Selection of Charter Review Committee Members**

The City Commission adopted Res. 04-96 establishing a Charter Review Committee. The Resolution requires that a 7-member board be appointed. The appointments would be made as follows:

- 1 member appointed by the Commissioners from each District
- 1 member appointed by the Mayor
- 2 members appointed at large by the Commission

The Commission discussed the period to accomplish the review of the charter. Commissioner Collins would like to see this committee complete their work by the end of November so the changes the committee submits can be placed on the March 2005 ballot.

Commissioner Bildz questioned whether the entire charter had to be reviewed in this period or if only a portion has been accomplished, that portion can be placed on the ballot.

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The City Attorney said it should be looked at in its entirety but portions can be placed on the ballots in March.

City Manager said it normally takes a year in advance to review a Charter. He will put together a schedule and work around the Commission's request to complete the review in the requested time.

Kathy McCreary, resident, said she served on the last Charter Review Committee. She does not feel the time requested by the Commission to complete the charter review is sufficient to fully address all the issues in detail.

Marie Barba asked if the committee needed to discuss every issue or if it was all right if only part of the charter was covered.

City Attorney said the committee could make whatever recommendation and request more time for additional items.

Carol Coward, resident, does not think it is wrong to start the process - take away the period and do not rush this through just to meet the March election deadline.

Commissioner Bildz said to leave it up to the committee to see if they can meet the period.

Commissioner Collins said let the committee get something accomplished and whatever they complete can be placed on the ballot.

**V. CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

City Manager said he had addressed the issue of beach renourishment with Dr. Minning. Dr. Minning gave a report under Public Comments at the beginning of the meeting.

He also had the monthly report covering the period of mid-August to mid-September from the Police Department on traffic monitoring around the clock tower. The Police Department will continue monitoring the traffic around the clock tower as well as throughout the city.

**VI. REPORTS & COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Collins said that if anyone is interested in serving on the Charter

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Review Committee, to obtain and fill out an application. The deadline was Thursday to submit the applications.

Commissioner Kraus reported that there was a BIG C meeting on Wednesday at the Indian Rocks Art Center. Anyone interested in attending was welcomed.

Commissioner Bildz said he had read an article about the hurricane damage in the Panhandle. One item that particularly caught his interest was the Panhandle was protected on the coast by vegetation. The City is planning to plant sea oats and is asking everyone who can to volunteer and assist in the planting.

There is sand being pumped onto the Sunset Beach area and Commissioner Bildz is asking people to stay away from that area. The areas are marked and people should take heed.

Mayor Maloof said the City Manager, City Planner and she attended a Creative Summit Meeting in St. Petersburg. It was on planning and redevelopment and she came away with many good ideas.

The Mayor reported on her trip to Washington, D. C. with Don Hambidge. They met with Congressman Bill Young and the lobbyist Firm of Alcalde & Fay. She said they assured her of their continued support.

Mayor Maloof said that Congressman Young's wife is asking for assistance in a project she had undertaken involving injured veterans at Walter Reed Hospital. She is requesting items such as CD's, tapes, etc. be donated for these patients.

She also attended a dinner for Congressman Bill Young on Friday as a representative from the Regional Planning Council. It was a very nice affair.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

9:29pm

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Mary Maloof, Mayor

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Phil Collins - District 1

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Ed Gayton - District 2

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Richard Kraus - District 3

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Alan Bildz - District 4

**ATTEST:**

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Ralph Stone, City Clerk